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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with eight (8) sheets of drawings, which have been approved by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-6 are objected to as being generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.
3. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: "the inner periphery" in line 2 lacks proper antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.
4. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: "the U-shaped bent portion" in line 14 lacks proper antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-6 are objected to as noted above, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the noted objections.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art cited is the most relevant prior art known. However, the invention of claims 1-6 distinguishes over the prior art for the following reasons. Komatsu (U.S. Patent 4,778,240) discloses a fiber optic comprising a transmitting receiving head formed with transmitting legs 24,

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plural independent feet 16a and 16b and a metal board formed with a metal tip 25c. Komatsu also discloses a Π -shaped region surrounding recesses 19. See Figure 1.

7. However, Komatsu fails to disclose or reasonably suggest Π -shaped sockets and a recess proximate the transmitting legs, each socket and recess provided with a projection. Komatsu also fails to disclose a non-conductive plastic cover to engage with the claimed sockets, recess, transmitting legs and metal tip as claimed.

8. The prior art fails to disclose or reasonably suggest, either alone or in combination all of the limitations of the claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 would be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 2-6 would be allowable by nature of their dependency.

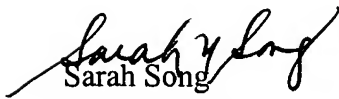
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah Song whose telephone number is 571-272-2359. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on 571-272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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